

See CAC-2019-05.03.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 5:00pm Council Chambers, University Hall

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AGENDA (CAC-2019-05)

| 2019-05/1 | INTRODUCTION |
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| 2019-05/1a | Call to Order |
| 2019-05/1b | Approval of Agenda |
| 2019-05/1c | Approval of Minutes |
| 2019-05/1d | Chair's Business |
| 2019-05/2 | QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD |
| 2019-05/2b | BHATNAGAR MOVES to discuss potential Standing Order changes to Section 4. |
| | See CAC-2019-05.02. |
| 2019-05/3 | COMMITTEE BUSINESS |
| 2019-05/3a | BHATNAGAR MOVES to cancel the August 13th, 2019 meeting of Students' Council. |
| 2019-05/4 | INFORMATION ITEMS |
| 2019-05/4a | CAC Minutes, (CAC-2019-04-M) - Tuesday, July 2, 2019. |
| | See CAC-2019-05.01. |
| 2019-05/4b | Proposed Changes to Standing Orders for Sections Four. |
| | See CAC-2019-05.02. |
| 2019-05/4c | Letter to the Council Administration Committee. |
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2019-05/5 ADJOURNMENT

2019-05/5a Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 5:00PM in Council Chambers.



University of Alberta Students' Union

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 5:00pm Council Chambers, University Hall

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

ATTENDANCE

| NAME | PROXY | PRESENT | SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN FEEDBACK (IF ABSENT) |
|-----------------------|-------|---------|--|
| Chris Beasley (Chair) | | Y | |
| Amlan Bose | | Y | |
| Tahra Haddouche | | Y | |
| Nathan Sunday | | N | |
| Juan Vargas Alba | | Y | |
| Yiming Chen | | Y | |

MINUTES (CAC-2019-03)

2019-03/1 INTRODUCTION

2019-03/1a Call to Order

BEASLEY: Called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

2019-03/1b Approval of Agenda

VARGAS ALBA/BOSE MOVED to approve the agenda with the addition of

2019-03/2c. 4/0/0 - CARRIED

2019-03/1c Approval of Minutes

VARGAS ALBA/BOSE MOVED to approve the minutes of CAC-2019-03-M.

4/0/0 - CARRIED

2019-03/1d Chair's Business

2019-03/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2019-03/2a Catering Changes

BEASLEY: Confirmed that he is ordering and booking the reusable dishes. Expressed concern that Council will exceed its catering budget by \$3000. Cautioned the Committee against adding coffee to the catering orders when they are already over budget. Determined to discuss the option of implementing of vegetarian-only catering at a future Council meeting.

BOSE: Inquired into whether savings resulting from the reusable dish program will offset the exceeded budget.

BEASLEY: Responded in the negative as the program will save approximately \$300.

VARAGS ALBA: Considered that the vegetarian catering issue may or may not take a considerable amount of time in discussion at Council.

BEASLEY: Anticipated that some councillors will strongly oppose an attempt to implement exclusively vegetarian catering.

2019-03/2b Council Merch

BEASLEY: Established that there are neither sustainable nor local options available for jackets with which to proceed. Determined to proceed with Stormtech instead.

BOSE: Inquired into whether sustainably produced jackets would be more expensive than Stormtech.

BEASLEY: Responded that, depending upon the jacket, they may be more expensive. Confirmed that Council gets 40% of the listed price of Stormtech products.

HADDOUCHE: Proposed selecting a fleece Stormtech jacket.

BEASLEY: Created a Google Doc into which members can lace their preferred jacket options. Determined to select the preferred jacket(s) in an online poll before the next meeting.

BOSE: Inquired into whether the budget for buying jackets is \$2000.

BEASLEY: Responded in the affirmative. Noted that it may be possible to increase the budget if required.

BOSE: Inquired into whether the Committee can consider buying options other than

jackets.

BEASLEY: Responded in the affirmative. Suggested buying hats instead of councillors.

BOSE: Considered that Council may be displeased with a different product when the jackets have been ordered for many years without change.

BEASLEY: Clarified that the Committee needs to order 28 jackets. Noted that he is unclear as to the true cost of a given jacket and its embroidery as the discount amount varies on each product. Noted that councillors can purchase their own individual, additional jackets at a discounted rate by including their purchase as part of the larger Council order. Expressed concern at the quality of the hoodie purchased in the last session. Directed the Committee to complete a jacket poll by Monday to select their leading two options. Noted that the Committee can try buying different colour combinations.

2019-03/2c BEASLEY/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to allocate \$300 to obtain a booth at the First

People's House TAWOW Orientation Event.

4/0/0 - CARRIED

2019-03/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-03/4 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

2019-03/4a CAC Minutes, (CAC-2019-02-M) - Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

See CAC-2019-03.01.

2019-03/5 ADJOURNMENT

BEASLEY: Adjourned the meeting at 5:37pm.

2019-03/5a Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 5:00PM in Council Chambers.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

| MOTION | VOTES | |
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| VARGAS ALBA/BOSE MOVED to approve the agenda with the addition of 2019-03/2c. | 4/0/0 - CARRIED | |
| VARGAS ALBA/BOSE MOVED to approve the minutes of CAC-2019-03-M. | 4/0/0 - CARRIED | |
| BEASLEY/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to allocate \$300 to obtain a booth at the First People's House TAWOW Orientation Event. | 4/0/0 - CARRIED | |

Proposed Changes to Standing Orders for Sections Four

| Old | | | Proposed | | | |
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| | b. | Written reports from Executives, | | b. | Written reports from Executives, | |

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- Late additions to the Order Paper must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on the day of a Students' Council meeting.
- Late Additions to the Order Paper may be added at the meeting if the items of business cannot be postponed to a future meeting of

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Written Reports shall be submitted once per month, at the first meeting of that month.

OR

Written Reports from all members of the Executive Committee shall be submitted once per month, at the first meeting of that month.

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- Students' Council for resolution without risking detrimental consequences to or negative procedural difficulties for the Students' Union.
- The agenda package will be published in the following manner:
 - a. A full electronic copy will be e-mailed to all members of Students' Council, proxies and Councillor-designates,
 - b. A full electronic copy will be e-mailed to The Gateway News Editor,
 - c. A full electronic copy will be placed on the Students'Union web page,
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- 10. The agenda package will be published no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd business day prior to a Students' Council meeting.
- 11. For meetings called under the authority of Standing Order 3(2), there will be no submission or publishing deadline.

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10 July 2019

Council Administration Committee University of Alberta Students Union Students' Union Building, University of Alberta 8900 114 Street NW Edmonton AB, T6G 2J7

RE: Letter to the Council Administration Committee

Dear Council Administration Committee Committee Chair:

I am writing this report on behalf of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee, a committee of Students' Council given the delegated authority to advance and promote reconciliation within the Students' Union.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information pertaining to the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee Recommendations. Although the majority of the recommendations are directed towards the Executive Committee and Students' Union operations, there are a number of which can only be addressed by Students' Council. As a result, I am writing this letter to direct the Council Administration Committee towards the recommendations which align most closely with its mandate. Of the 56 recommendations, the following falls within the jurisdiction of the Council Administration Committee:

The Students' Union shall edit its Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories to recognize that the University of Alberta is situated on unlawfully stolen and unceded Papaschase Cree territory.

In August of 1877, the Papaschase Band signed an adhesion to Treaty 6 and received more than 60 square kilometres of reserve land in what is now southeast Edmonton. According to Chief Calvin Bruneau, Papaschase chief, the Papaschase Cree occupied what is now the Rossdale Flats and River Valley area prior to the signing of treaty.



Founding the Edmonton area's first newspaper in 1880, Frank Oliver utilized the Edmonton Bulletin to enforce a negative and racialized narrative of the Papaschase. As published in the Bulletin, Oliver writes:

It is well known that an Indian reserve located near a town is a cause of trouble and general demoralization to both whites and Indians [....] Now is the time for the Government to declare the Reserve open and show whether this country is to be run in the interests of settlers or the Indian.

The continued "us vs. them" narrative espoused by the Edmonton Bulletin was one factor that led to the eventual illegal surrender of the Papaschase Reserve in 1894.

According to Chief Bruneau, recognition of the Papaschase Cree is of central importance to not only the band, but to the true history of the City of Edmonton.

The Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee calls on the Students' Union – and particularly Students' Council – to edit the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories to recognize the historic and contemporary realities of the Papaschase Cree. Specifically, the edits must acknowledge that the University of Alberta and the Students' Union are situated on unlawfully stolen and unceded Papaschase Cree territory.

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The Council Administration Committee shall strike a language translation task force, similar to the 2016-2017 French Bylaw translation task force, to translate Bylaw 100 into Cree.

The University of Alberta Students' Union sits on the traditional lands of the Papaschase Cree in Treaty 6 territory. Therefore, it is important that Students' Council acknowledge and respect the language of the Papaschase Cree (i.e., Plains Cree). As Bylaw 100 is the premier piece of legislation regarding Students' Union, translating it into Plains Cree can be viewed as a step in the right direction.



The Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee calls the Council Administration Committee to create a Plains Cree Language Task Force to translate Bylaw 100 into Cree. Any changes to the English version of Bylaw 100 should also be reflected in the Plains Cree translation.

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Students' Council shall create a task force to delve into the structure of Students' Council representation. This task force should be delegated the authority to review the current model of Students' Council - in relation to Council and student feedback, as well as other university models - and make recommendations on it.

The purpose of such a task force would be to delve into issues of marginalization among certain cohorts of students, as well as looking into the feasibility of changing Students' Council's structure to allow for an Aboriginal Student Councillor (this point is not just limited to an Aboriginal Student Councillor, but could be broadened to include an International Student Councillor, etc.)

Currently, representation on Students' Council is based on representation by faculty. As a result, faculties are given a certain number of Councillors (minimum of one, with additional Council seats per 999 undergraduate students). However, this is not the only governance model used by Students' Unions across Canada. For example, the University of Saskatchewan has both faculty-specific and representational (i.e., Aboriginal student Councillor, LGBTQ2S Councillor, etc.) council seats.

The Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee calls Students' Council to create a task force that will look into other governance models, with specific emphasis being placed on diverse student representation.

In closing, thank you for reading this letter and I hope that the Council Administration Committee gives solemn thought to ARRC's recommendation. Should you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or attend a meeting of ARRC.



Thank you,

Nathan Sunday, Chair (submitted electronically)